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August 4, 2008

Mayor Carol Federighi
City of Lafayette
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Dear Mayor Federighi:

STAND! Against Domestic Violence would be honored if you would sponsor an official proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and supporting our agency's efforts to end this crime. This action will emphasize your city's commitment to this important cause and acknowledge the efforts of those who work to end violence in our homes and communities every month of the year.

I have enclosed a sample proclamation and information describing current **STAND!** activities. Please feel free to call Gloria Sandoval, Executive Director of **STAND!** (925/603-0112) if you would like more information or facts about domestic violence.

During October, **STAND!** will host a series of activities to educate our citizens about domestic violence. Our hope is that those we reach will embrace prevention efforts and honor victims. Our activities encourage both perpetrators and the abused to seek the help they need.

STAND! activities during Domestic Violence Awareness Month will include the **16th Annual *Rebuilding Lives Luncheon* to be held at the Concord Hilton, 1970 Diamond Boulevard, Concord, on Monday, October 20, 2008**. The *Rebuilding Lives Luncheon* annually draws over 400 community and corporate leaders who are concerned about domestic violence. We will display and acknowledge all proclamations and letters of support at the luncheon. If your budget will allow, **STAND!** would welcome the attendance of a representative from your office. You will receive an invitation to this event in a separate mailing. Alternatively, you may call me at **STAND!** for event information (925/603-0138).

Please issue a proclamation no later than September 30, 2008 to allow time for framing and display at the October 20th luncheon. We would be pleased to send a **STAND!** representative to personally accept the proclamation if desired. Alternatively, you may send the proclamation to my attention at STAND's Concord office.

I look forward to your response to our request (925-603-0138). In the meantime, thank you for your previous support of **STAND!** and for sharing our commitment to end domestic violence.

Sincerely,

Patti Link Cawood
Fundraising Manager
Enclosure

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence does not discriminate, anyone can be a victim; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread, crossing all ethnic, racial, age, national origin, sexual orientation, religious and socio-economic lines; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects over four million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, over three million children are exposed to family violence each year. Growing up in a violent home is a significant factor for youth violence; and

WHEREAS, violence learned in the home is acted out in our schools and communities, impacting the safety and health of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, residents of Contra Costa County should feel safe in their homes, their schools, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, STAND! Against Domestic Violence provides domestic violence services to families and individuals in Contra Costa County, serving over 15,000 clients annually; and

WHEREAS, STAND! Against Domestic Violence is a multi-service agency providing: 24-hour crisis line, emergency and transitional shelter, legal advocacy children and teen programs, counseling, support groups, employment training, batterer's treatment program, and educational prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, STAND! Against Domestic Violence works to raise awareness through education, so individuals will become advocates, and will take action to end violence in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on behalf of the Lafayette City Council I hereby proclaim ***October 2008 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month*** *and urge all citizens to actively participate in the efforts to end violence in our homes, in our schools and in our communities.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Lafayette this 8th day of September, 2008.

Mike Anderson, Mayor

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